#### Water Efficient Product Market Enhancement Program:

What is the promise of new landscape irrigation technologies for enhancing water efficiencies?



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#### SWAT: Smart Water Application Technology

Climate-based Controller and Soil Moisture Sensor for Turf and Landscape Irrigation



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## Protocols have been developed for both the climate-based controllers and soil moisture sensor testing



### Version 3.0 is available on the Irrigation Association website: Irrigation.org



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- 4. Movement to Develop National <u>Technology</u> Standards

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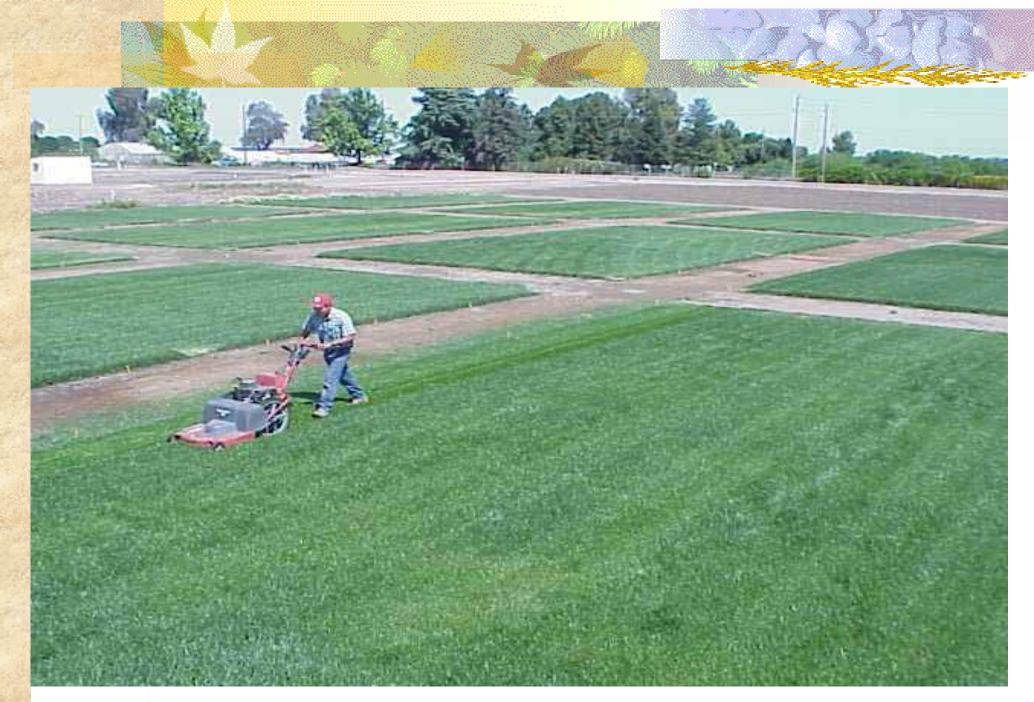




#### **Hydraulic Laboratory Testing**



#### **Equipment Testing**



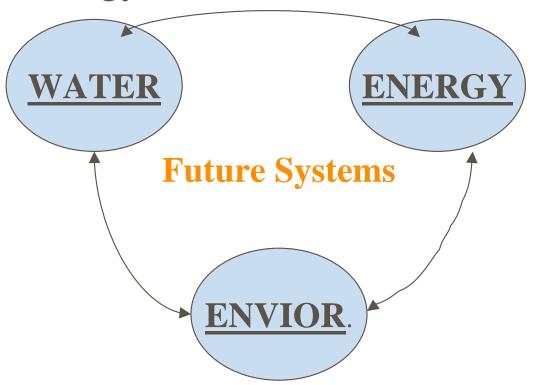
Field Research on Irrigation Equipment



#### **Keys to Success**

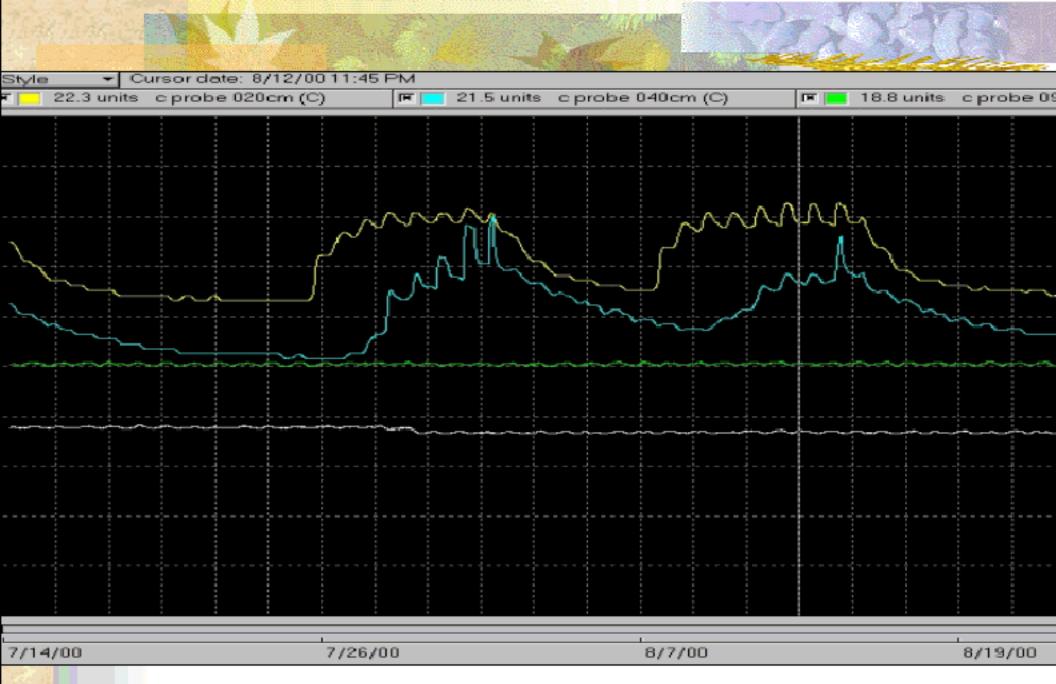
■ Irrigation Equipment/Systems must be

sold on their benefits to the Water/Energy/Environmental matrix.



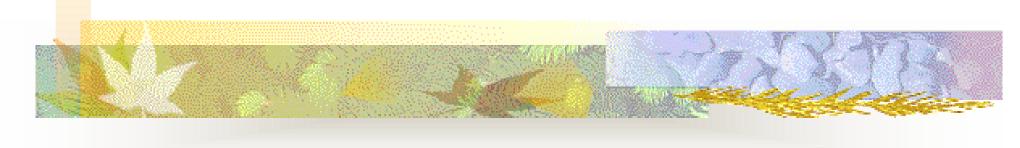
# Achieved By Maximizing Water Efficiency Minimizing Energy Use Reducing Environmental Impact

#### We have the Technology!!!



Example graph of continuous soil moisture sensing at 4 depths in a root zone -

#### Thank You!



#### Questions?